

## MINUTES

### Health Information Technology and Transparency Advisory Board and Ad Hoc Expert Meeting

Transparency Standing Committee  
GTRI Executive Board Conference Room  
February 21, 2007  
9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### Member Attendance:

James Bearden

Dr. Jack Chapman

Monye Connolly

Doug Moses

Dr. Louvenia A. Rainge

Sonya Smith

Dennis L. White

#### Transparency Committee Presenters

Elizabeth Eastman, *Administrator, Office of Data Dissemination*, Florida Center for Health Information & Analysis

Vi Naylor, *Executive Vice President*, Georgia Hospital Association (GHA)

Joyce Reid, *Director, Community Health Connections*, Georgia Hospital Association (GHA)

Collin Smith, *Data Policy Analyst, Office of Health Information & Policy*, Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR)

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The meeting commenced at 9:45 a.m. The Committee Chair was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Wayne Oliver began the meeting by asking the attendees to introduce themselves.

Mr. Oliver introduced Ms. Vi Naylor, *Executive Vice President* of the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA). Ms. Naylor provided the committee with a brief description of the current initiative on pricing and quality Web sites developed for consumers by GHA.

Mr. Oliver then introduced Ms. Joyce Reid, *Director of Community Health Connections* also with GHA. Ms. Reid demonstrated the functionality and scope of the GHA pricing Web site; <http://www.gha.org/pha/Insights.asp>. The pricing Web site went live for the public on February 22, 2007. The pricing information is provided by all Georgia acute hospitals. Ambulatory surgery data is not included in the information. Ms. Reid then briefly demonstrated the quality component site; <http://www.gahospitalqualitycheck.org>.

After a short break, Mr. Wayne Oliver introduced Ms. Elizabeth Eastman, *Administrator of the Office of Data Dissemination* from the Florida Center for Health Information and

Analysis. Ms. Eastman provided information on pricing and quality Web sites developed by the State of Florida. The following Web sites were presented to the committee, [www.floridacomparecare.gov](http://www.floridacomparecare.gov), [www.FloridaHealthStat.com](http://www.FloridaHealthStat.com), and [www.MyFloridaRx.com](http://www.MyFloridaRx.com). The sites include data on inpatient, outpatient, pharmacy, home health long term care agencies and health plans.

After lunch Mr. Collin Smith, *Data Policy Analyst* with the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) presented information on the Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS) Web site, <http://oasis.state.ga.us>. The site allows consumers to conduct online web queries using a geographic information system, surveillance tool; youth risk behaviors data, public health demographics, etc.

DCH Commissioner, Dr. Rhonda Medows was asked by Mr. Oliver to talk about her vision and what the Governor would like to see the committee develop. Dr. Medows asked the committee to begin brainstorming what consumer based information should be viewed. Three areas were initially brainstormed – pharmacy, long-term healthcare and hospitals. Additional areas for the future include health plans and physician settings.

The committee mapped out the following next steps to occur prior to the next meeting:

- What databases are currently available to DCH and the status of the data available?
- Gathering information from Pharmacy Associations on possible information to be included on the pharmacy site.
- Identifying potential surveys, focus groups and any other needs necessary to assess strategies for obtaining consumer feedback
- Gather information on possible site ideas for Long Term Care
- Chair and Staff develop a timeline / project plan for activities and work assignment areas.

The Transparency Standing Committee adjourned 3pm.

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Chris Downing, Committee Chairperson

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Committee Secretary